

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

5/03/23

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Rob McNicholas	K6RJM

Board discussion items:

- Spring SET followup
- Update on Fire Dept and CERT discussions (see some of my notes below)
 - outreach to CERT trained for potential exercise
 - draft SOG for review by Fire Dept.
- Initial Field Day planning (EBARC/UUCB?)
- Plan for future meetings
 - May: Post SET discussion, Field Day planning
 - June: Prepare for Field Day
 - July: Post Field Day discussion (maybe ask Martha for a quick presentation of her ham experiences in Costa Rica?)
 - August: Mike N6JGA, ARRL section manager
 - Sept+: possible presentation Richard Dillman KPH/MRHS and , KPH field trip opportunity
- Patch box follow-ups - no reply from public works, haven't followed up yet because of other priorities
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

“Join” questionnaire and Roster database

- An effort is being made to make the Join questionnaire short and simple. The entry

fields could be limited to name, callsign, address (optional), city, and “CERT trained?”.

- A check box could be added for whether the KE member is an ARRL member?
- A separate “Roster” or “Profile” spreadsheet/database will have more fields and more information. If the Join spreadsheet/database fields are coordinated with the Roster/Profile spreadsheet/database, it would make it easy to import the Join fields into the Roster/Profile database.
- Answers from the recent survey questionnaire, such as equipment and interests, would be information for the Roster database.
- Information and preferences in the Roster database could be kept up to date with a yearly survey questionnaire.

Contact information sharing

- Some members would like to have access to other members’ phone number(s) and email address contact information.
- Should we include an “opt-in” check box in the Join and/or Roster database for members to allow their contact information to be shared with other members?
- We would not want the email list to be used for mass mailings, only one on one communication.
- How can we limit who would be able to see the list to other members only? Would “members” mean all members or only paid members?
- This subject should be discussed at the membership meeting.

Spring SET

- A topic for the May 8 membership meeting will be a review of the spring SET.

Field Day

- Should we join with EBARC for Field Day again this year? EBARC will likely use the Unitarian Church location this year. Logistics might be simpler if we operate by ourselves this year.
- Suggestions for location this year:
 - Canyon Trail Park - the grass strip doesn’t get much other use
 - Cerrito Vista - an area that gets more use
 - Kensington Community Center lawn - we might be able to get permission
 - Colusa Cemetery lawn

Meetings with Fire Chief

- Meetings with the new fire chief are now scheduled so coordination with the fire department for emergency situations looks more encouraging now.
- There is a possibility that CERT training in El Cerrito may be restarted.

- There may be interest in a city-wide emergency practice for which we would provide radio communication, but details are vague currently.
- The fire chief would like to get a document from us describing how we propose to interact with the fire department in an emergency.